

### SIGNIFICANT NOTE FROM CHILI

Minister Montt Transmits to Mr. Blaine  
a Dispatch from His Government,

Which Claims that All but Two of the Baltimore's Assaulted Sailors Testified that the

### Brief Review of National Events of Importance During the Past Year.

**Two-Per-Cent. Bonds at a Premium—Government Credit Never So Good—How Food Donations for Russians Should Be Prepared.**

**WORD FROM CHILI AT LAST.**  
The Prosecuting Attorney Has Not Yet Rendered His Decision in the Baltimore Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Senator Montt, the Chilean minister, had another interview with Secretary Blaine to-day. The Minister laid before the Secretary the following

translation of a telegram from Mr. Matta, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, bearing on the inquiry into the trouble in the city of Valparaiso between the Chilians and the

From the summary of proceedings it appears that the struggle commenced between two sailors in a tavern at the ward Arravan: that it was

continued in the street, with the accession of numbers of inhabitants and transient parties from the streets called Del Clave, San Francisco and Alamos. The disorder continued and extended to the streets Del Arsenal and San Martin, where the police force succeeded.

restoring order. All the North Americans, except two, state that the police did their duty and from the voluminous proceedings it appears that the court has done and is doing its duty.

Whenever the prosecuting attorney renders

his opinion and the time for producing evidence shall have expired, sentence will be given, an establishing who and how many are the guilt parties, who may only be presumed at present. Whoever they may be, they will be punished. The legal proceedings are being actively carried

The Minister, when asked by an Associated Press reporter for an opinion respecting the statements made in the tele-

gram, called special attention to the statement that all the North Americans excepting two had said that the police did their duty. He regards this as favorable

to the Chilean side of the controversy. It is noted that the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs promises that when the due process of law, according to Chilean juris-

prudence, be observed, those found guilty will be punished, and says that these judicial proceedings are being carried forward actively. This, taken in

connection with the statement that the police did their duty, is significant as showing that the Chilean government does not wish that the action of individuals be

ing in Chilia shall be con-  
founded with the actions of those con-  
nected with the government and having  
official station. These lawless acts on the

part of individuals, as the dispute says, are being inquired into under the usual judicial proceedings of Chili, which are conducted secretly, and, it is said, with the cumbersomeness attaching to nearly all judicial proceedings in that country.

all law courts deriving their authority and precedents from Spain. This government has never asserted a right to interfere with the ordinary judicial methods of other nations. It, however, is watchful to see that cus-

ordinary judicial methods are followed, regard, of course, being had to the extraordinary character of the offense, and meantime making provision for the always possible occurrence of some untoward event, such as, under delay, an attack

Within the past two days forty-five thousand pounds of brown powder and twenty-two thousand pounds of gun

twenty-two thousand pounds of gun-cotton have been forwarded from the East to San Francisco. The brown powder is intended for the naval greaves, guns and the gun-cotton for shells and torpedos. The Charleston and the

Baltimore, which are enroute to the country from Honolulu and Callao, respectively, have not been heard from recently, but they are expected to touch some port in telegraphic communication.

Chill May Yet Sue for Peace.  
London, Dec. 31.—The Santiago de Chile

correspondent of the Times to-day affirm on what he declares to be the highest authority, that Chili would not feel humiliated in helping to the utmost of her power

to terminate peacefully and in a manner honorable to both herself and the United States the conflict which, but for the lengthy and secret form of criminal pro-

cedure followed in Chili, which has a low constant false reports hostile to good understanding to be propagated abroad, could never have attained such exaggerated proportions. The correspond

ent says it is evident that there are no brands who are anxious for the inauguration of a war which would be disastrous to the best interests of both the countries concerned.

**The Charleston at San Diego.**  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 31.—The cruise ship Charleston arrived off this port to-night. She is anchored outside and will not enter.

the harbor until morning.

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Some of the Events of National Importance

That Occurred Last Year.  
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—As the old year goes out to-night people are recalling the

many events of national importance which have been crowded into the last year. Early in January began the exciting debates in the Senate over the federal

election bill. Following close came the fight for the closure rule and the free silver bill and they soon become interwoven. The compromise of the eight Repu-

litan Senators with the Democratic Senators brought about the passage of a free silver bill in the Senate, the abandonment of the election struggle after

an almost unprecedented dead-lock in the Senate and the failure of closure rule. In the House the last year witnessed the passage of two bills, one of which for the payment of French spoliation claims, has

other, the direct-tax refund, has come every year for two decades. On the 4th March the Congress which had been made

memorable by Speaker Reed and his rule came to an end, and the political complexion of the House of Representatives was overwhelmingly changed and a new element, the Farmers' Alliance, made its first appearance in national politics.

Men of national prominence have risen and fallen. Flower has gone from Congress to the governor's office and is again falling.

to Albany as Governor, and is even talked of for the presidency. McKinley has become a Governor, and he, too, is a presidential possibility. Governor Campbell has been eclipsed. Governor Boies has appeared upon the presidential horizon.

Hill managed to combine the two titles of Governor and Senator, and promises to continue his reign at Albany as power behind the throne of Mr. Flower.

of negotiations, has reached the stage of arbitration. The Italian incident, with the withdrawal and recall of Baron Favre, has been followed by the more serious international complication with Chili, and

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